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AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action mailed 12/05/2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

TITLE:

~~Method Of Utilizing Nucleic Acid As Markers For Product Anti-Counterfeit Labeling And Verification~~

SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 6-20, amend the paragraph as:

One of the problems frequently encountered in product manufacturing and marketing is imitation and counterfeit. Imitations and counterfeits mimic the shape and brand of authenticity and take advantages of its images to make profits. Most of the time imitations and counterfeits are look alike with poor quality. There are also some with near-authenticity quality, but due to lacking advertising and marketing cost, they can be sold in lower price to rob the market share. In addition, valuable items such as painting, jewelry and souvenirs and items with monetary values such as credit card, checkbook and stocks also constantly face the problem of counterfeiting. Problems like these not only ruin the reputation of the authentic products, affecting sales, but also jeopardize the monetary order and invention creativity. Therefore, there is a need and necessity to counter imitations and counterfeits.

Page 1, line 21 to page 2, line 13, amend the paragraph as:

In addition to utilizing unique design and quality to appeal to customers, there are